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#### Jess Moskaluke cabaret set for new Rocanville Ha A massive cabaret with Southeast Sas

katchewan's Jess Moskaluke will break in Rocanville's new community hall as the first major public event in the new building. The Ugly Christmas Sweater themed cab-

aret is set for Saturday, December 17. The cabaret is a fundraiser for the new hall and the Rocanville Fire Department. Owen Wil-son of the Rocanville hall committee said the group thought Jess Moskaluke would be the perfect performer for the first big event in the new hall.

"We have a great new facility and we wanted to start off with a bang. Everyone around here really like Jess, and she hasn't performed in the area in quite a while, since she's hit it really big. She opened for Paul Brandt on a tour and lots of people went to Design to see her them. In the openet are a dese Regina to see her there, that's about as close as she's been."

Jess Moskaluke grew up in Langenburg and now lives on a farm outside Rocanville. Her music career has taken off over the last few years. She has been named the CCMA female artist of the year each year for the

Temale artist of the year each year for the last three years. "She is fairly popular around the area, so we are hoping she will get a lot of people in," said Wilson. "She's a popular singer and there are local roots, so it's just a bit mean of a draw." more of a draw."

The committee hopes to sell 700 tickets for the Dec. 17 cabaret.

"Our hall is around the 700 person capac-ity so we are hoping to sell out," said Wil-son. "We'll set it up cabaret style. There will just be a few tables around the outside and an open floor—it's basically a party, not a sit down concert."

Wilson said the singer was happy to help out with the cabaret.

"We were setting up for a cabaret and that got the wheels turning and I sent her a mes-sage the next day," he says. "She said she would absolutely love to do that. As a board we know we have to do some big fundrais-ers, so this fits in with some of what we want to do with the hall."

want to do with the hall." He said the people he has spoken with about the cabaret are excited. "They're pretty pumped about it," he said. "People are really looking forward to seeing her perform back here in Rocan-ville." ville

If the fundraiser is a success, it will help with the cost of the new hall. The \$2.4 miltion hall is being built with a \$800,000 con-tribution from PotashCorp, \$400,000 from each of the Town and RM of Rocanville, and \$800,000 to be raised in the community through fundraising and donations



Jess Moskaluke says she's looking forward to performing a show at home in Rocanville.

"If we get a big turnout here that definite-ly could help with our payments on that," said Wilson.

The cabaret will also support the Rocan-ville Fire Department—75 per cent of pro-ceeds will go to the hall and 25 per cent to the Fire Department.

"We want to put some money away for the future, for when we do need a new truck. It would be nice to have a new water tanker down the road. When the day does come when we do need something we want to have some money put aside so we don't have to make a mad dash and scramble for money.'

There have been some events at the hall already, and the grand opening will be held Oct. 29, but the Jess Moskaluke Fundraiser will be the first major event in the new hall. How will organizers determine if it's a "If it's a complete sellout and everyone has a good time, that's kind of the key thing," says Wilson. "Then maybe we can

attract more things like that." Jess Moskaluke says she knew right away that she wanted to do the concert when she was asked.

"My first thought is that I haven't played in Rocanville forever. I think the last time was a wedding maybe, so I was obviously really excited to play right at home," she

"Owen contacted me and I just knew it was something I wanted to be a part of and this was a way I could help. I thought let's do it

"Aside from all of that it's going to be a really fun night. It's right around Christ-mas time. I was just in the hall a couple weeks ago for a wedding and it looks gor-geous and I wanted to come and check it

Just in

time for

out. There wasn't really a very good reason for me not to do it and it was something I wanted to do "

Local businesses

giving away \$15,000

again this Christmas

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Moskaluke is donating her time for the concert, and says it feels good to be helping out, but that she's no different than anyone else who wants to contribute to her community.

"It feels great, but evervone can help out the hall committee and the fire department, it's not just me," she says. "Everyone who attends the show and buys tickets, they can help out their community, or can donate as well. It feels just as good as anyone else who How does she feel to be the person cho-sen for the first big event in the hall?

'It's such an horor. It's so nice to be able to be home and play. We've had a whirl-wind couple of years so it's really, really nice and exciting and a little bit nerve-wracking to be able to come home and show every one what I've been working on for the past couple of years.

"Usually when I come home it's not with my whole band because the logistics are kind of a nightmare to make that happen all the time. So this will really be the first full band show that I've ever played at home. I don't know what to expect, I don't know what my favorite part will be but I'm sure I will enjoy it."

will enjoy it." What is she looking forward to the most? "All of it. Every part of it will be really great. It's going to be so nice to play a show and do something I love and then go home and sleep in my own bed and have my best friends there and my family and commu-nity. It will be a really, really different show for me. I'm preparing as best I can to try and make it all work." Moskaluke says it will also be nice for family. friends and acouaintances see her

Moskaluke says it will also be nice for family, friends and acquaintances see her perform without having to travel. "My family and my close friends have seen me perform a lot over the years," she says. "They come out as much as they can, but I'm not always performing close, so a lot of acquaintances or people from the community can't always come and see me. So I think it will be a unique opportunity for a lot of people just because I'm not always right here in Saskatchewan where I'm easily accessible."

Tickets for the concert are available at the Rocanville town office and Decker's H20 in Rocanville, at The World-Spectator in Moo-somin, or by calling Owen Wilson at 306-435-9596, Steve Fortney at 306-435-7703 or Kevin Kingdon at 306-434-7252.



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# <sup>31 other prizes offered:</sup> Local businesses giving away \$15,000

For the third year, local businesses are getting together to give away \$15,000 to reward one lucky shopper for shopping locally this Christmas season.

The draw will be made on Dec. 21 and the winner will get the good news just before Christmas.

There are also 31 other prizes valued at more than \$5,000 in total to be given away in the World-Spectator's 2016 Christmas Giveaway.

The secondary prizes include all sorts of great prizes, including a margarita machine from Borderland Co-op, a Paderno 10-piece cookware set from Pharmasave, a wet/ dry shop vac from Mullett's RONA, a limited edition Elle Eiffel Tower necklace from Kassie's Jewelry, an ice fishing package from Virden Rec and Watersports, a \$400 furniture certificate from Today's Electronics and furniture in Redvers, a Parrot Mambo drone from Glasser's TV Service, a battery booster pack from St. Lazare Tire, different his and hers packages from Brazen Clothing, and many more.

For several years, the World-Spectator and participating local businesses gave away a new



Nancy Campbell, the 2015 Christmas Giveaway winner, receiving her \$15,000 chequebook from World-Spectator editor and publisher Kevin Weedmark. This Christmas one lucky shopper will receive \$15,000 again, plus there are 31 other prizes on offer as part of the 2016 Christmas Giveaway.

vehicle each Christmas. Two years ago, the decision was made to go a different route, with one winner receiving \$15,000 to be spent at any of the participating businesses. World-Spectator publisher Kevin Weedmark said he is proud of the local business community for stepping up and supporting the promotion.

"This promotion has always been about rewarding local shoppers for supporting the local businesses, and the fact that so many local retailers and other businesses buy into this promotion shows that they are working hard to serve their customers.

"The first year we held the car draw, we had no idea if we could do it or not. We threw the idea out there to businesses in the area that first year, and the response was overwhelming. In no time we had enough support to be able to offer a substantial prize," Weedmark said. "The car draw was always a success, but I think this promotion is even better. The grand prize winner will receive a book of special cheques they can only use at the participating businesses. That will ensure that the money the winner receives will stay in the local area."

cal area." The Christmas draw has been replicated in many communities.

"Every year I field calls from newspapers and chambers of commerce about how they can run a similar promotion," says Weedmark. "I'm always happy to help them out—I think if's more important than ever that we promote local shopping to strengthen our communities."

Shoppers can enter with a purchase at any participating business—there are 44 locations across the area in total where people can enter.

The winner can spend their \$15,000 any way they want at participating businesses. They may choose to spend it at several different businesses, or spend the whole prize on a large ticket item like a quad, furniture, flooring for the whole house, a boat, or a lavish trip. "The possibilities are endless," says Weedmark.



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Left, 300 people attended a pancake breakfast to celebrate the grand opening of the PotashCorp Rocanville Community Hall on Saturday, Oct. 29. Right, a patron tries out one of the sports simulators at the PotashCorp Sportplex in Moosomin at the grand opening on Friday, Oct. 28.

### PotashCorp Rocanville Community Hall and PotashCorp Sportsplex: PotashCorp donations helped make facilies a reality

Moosomin and Rocanville have seen the opening of two buildings made possible by PotashCorp Rocanville. In Rocanville, the PotashCorp Rocanville Community Hall was filled with people on Saturday morning, Oct. 29 as people marked the grand opening of the newly con-structed facility. structed facility.

The night before, residents of Moosomin marked the opening of the PotashCorp Sportsplex. In Rocanville, 300 people attended a pancake breakfast and got an up-close look at their new hall, a 15,400-square-

foot facility that was funded in part with an \$800,000 contribution from PotashCorp.

The company employs more than 700 people at its near-by potash mine. "It's exciting to see this beautiful building officially open its doors," said Mark Fracchia, President, PCS Pot-ash, who toured the hall himself last Saturday. "We know it's going to be well-used and enjoyed by everyone in Ro-canville and area. PotashCorp is proud we could contrib-ute to building a facility that will become the heart of the community."

community." The \$2.4-million building, completed in September, includes a large hall, stage, kitchen, bar, coat room and meeting room, as well as an actors' room, prop room, storage spaces, an office and a top-quality sound system. It will also have a wheelchair lift for the stage and fully

accessible washrooms It's expected to host a range of community and private events, including plays, fitness classes, dances, weddings and other large gatherings like high school graduation. It

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The PotashCorp Sportsplex in Moosomin is a new lei-sure centre that received a \$250,000 contribution from

PotashCorp. A grand opening was held Friday and the centre was free to use all weekend. An addition to Moosomin's ex-

isting bowling alley, the PotashCorp Sportsplex includes four sports simulators, two driving nets, an indoor walk-ing track, two pickleball courts, and an indoor/outdoor covered deck. It's intended to provide recreation options covered deck. It's intended to provide recreation options for people who may not participate in traditional win-ter activities and is designed to provide leisure services to people from ages 5 to 95. "This unique facility will be a fun destination for many people in Moosomin and be-yond," said Fracchia. "It offers something for everyone whether you want to swing a golf club or baseball bat, or stay active on the walking track."

The PotashCorp Sportsplex was recently recognized with an Award of Excellence from the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association for its unique and outstanding design. "Without the generous support of Pot-ashCorp, this facility would remain nothing more than an idea. With their backing, it is a reality and open to the public to serve us for many, many years to come," said Mike Schwean, Moosomin's Director of Parks and Recreation.



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# **Andrew Scheer, Scott** Moe speak in Moosomin

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Federal Conservative lead-ership candidate Andrew Scheer and Saskatchewan Environment Minister Scott Moe spoke at a Saskatchewan Party fundraiser in Moosomin Oct. 27.

Scheer, the MP for Regina-Qu'Appelle, is one of the lead-ing candidates for the federal

Ing candidates for the rederal Conservative leadership. A good crowd filled the Armoury Hall for the event. "There are more people in this room tonight than the NDP had at their provincial NDP had at their provincial convention," said Moosomin MLA Steven Bonk.

Bonk spoke about the harm a carbon tax would do to the

Mossomin constituency. "Our constituency is one of the most export-depen-dent constituencies in this province," he said. "We have potash, we have oil, we have agriculture, we have agricul-tural manufacturing. All of that depends on exports. If we have a carbon tax, you're going to see a huge problem because we are competing directly with them on some of these products, and we're at an immediate disadvantage.

#### SCHEER SUPPORTS ENERGY EAST

Scheer spoke about the need for Energy East to move

forward. "There is a lot of support here in Western Canada and here in Saskatchewan for Energy East," he said. "I repre-sent Evraz Steel in Regina, sent EvraZ steel in Regina, they are right in my constitu-ency—about 2,000 private sector jobs in Regina and a whole bunch more in spinoffs. "One of the things the Con-servative Party is trying to do in make it more them into

do is make it more than just a western thing. It's not just a pipeline that's concerning to Western Canadians because this is where the natural resources are or this is where the manufacturing is, but it's a national thing. something people in Ontario should be concerned about, something people in Atlantic Canada should be concerned about.

"I was so ashamed when I was in the House of Commons and we put forward a motion that was very simple-it wasn't calling on the government to pick winners or losers in industry, it was just calling on members of the House of Commons to support the idea of a west to east pipeline to get foreign oil out of our markets and allow our natural resources to flow freely across our country. And the Liberals voted against it, Ralph Goodale, a Saskatch-ewan MP, voted against the motion. I was so disappointed in that. And I was disappoint-ed again with the carbon tax. I don't think that those tanker loads of Saudi oil that are being dropped off at Montréal, I don't think they're going to pay a carbon tax when they load up in Saudi Arabia or Venezuela or the Middle East.

Venezuela or the Middle East. Why are we punishing our own natural resource sector? "I'm telling you tonight I will oppose the carbon tax when I am leader of the Con-cernative Deater. We will Gold. servative Party. We will fight that and we will win in 2019."

Scheer said he believes that, while the Conservative Party was defeated in the last federal election, it is rebuilding



Federal Conservative leadership candidate Andrew Scheer, left, and Saskatchewan Environment Minister Scott Moe, right, spoke at a Moosomin Constituency Saskatchewan Party event in Moosomin recently

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crowd.

crease ever on Saskatchewan people," he said. "It will directly impact our businesses, it will directly impact our jobs, and make no mistake it will directly impact our become had and derith in

our household and family in-

"We'll be standing against

this federally imposed carbon tax in case you haven't fig-

ured that out already," Moe said to applause from the

He pointed out that other countries are moving away from carbon taxes, and said

the tax would be devastating

"We export in excess of \$30 billion worth of stuff to coun-tries all around the world each

year. We punch way above our weight when it comes to

exporting agricultural prod-

ucts, when it comes to export-ing energy products, when it

comes to exporting uranium, manufactured goods, forestry

goods. This is what we do in Saskatchewan. We need free

and open trade and we can do it as efficiently as anybody

if we don't have unnecessary

"Fifty dollars a ton—that's two and a half billion dol-

lars to our economy. That's very close to what we pay in

income taxes. It's 11 cents on a litre of fuel, and it means a

family of four will pay an additional \$1,250 in taxes "When I figured that out, it was at the point at that meet-ing and I thought this whole new federal era of collabora-

tion is not working out. So I

He pointed out that some

Saskatchewan industries help offset carbon emissions, such

as exporting seed drills for

zero till farming which se-quester carbon in the soil, and

exporting uranium which re-duces carbon footprints when

duces carbon footprints when used for power generation in other jurisdictions. He said he will work with the federal government on investments in those technologies. "We can make a meaning-ful difference, and it will be much mere meaningful then

much more meaningful than

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to Saskatchewan.

from a strong base.

"It's been a rough year for the Conservative Party. We lost in October of 2015 but lost in October of 2015 but we're a lot stronger than we were in the past. We have a great caucus, we started off with 99 seats. We just won the byelection in Medicine Hat, a strong validation for the issues we've been fighting on.

"There's a lot at stake. It's very important that we get the right leader in our lead-ership race. It's very important that we pick somebody who can go up against Justin Trudeau and win in 2019. The deficits and debt that Justin Trudeau is racking up is truly

alarming. "I cannot let Justin Trudeau do to my kids what his father did. We are seeing tens of mil-lions of dollars racked up on deficits that's going nowhere. It's not being invested in Canada. It's not creating jobs. A lot has been spent overseas. The first \$14 million of his new government spending went overseas. It didn't help create a single Canadian job."

Scheer said he hopes to be the next Prime Minister from Saskatchewan. "In Saskatchewan we ex-

"In Saskatchewan we ex-port a lot of things. We used to export our young people and that has stopped. We ex-port our uranium, we export our potash, our wheat, our barley, our beef. I think we now need to elect a leader of now need to elect a leader of the Conservative Party who can export our common sense Saskatchewan values of hard work and rewarding those who honestly play by the rules, support their families and communities and help build this country."

#### SCOTT MOE

RAILS AGAINST CARBON TAX Saskatchewan Environ-ment Minister Scott Moe, who walked out of a meeting with environment ministers when Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he would im-pose a carbon tax on provinces, railed against the tax in his speech at Moosomin. "If they do impose it, it would be the largest tax in-





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Rural businesses working hard to promote local shopping

### Lots of events planned for November, December

BY KARA KINNA

The Christmas season is fast approaching, and local business-es are working hard to promote shopping in their stores this season

As well, local chambers of commerce and business associations will have a number of events go-ing on to pump up local shopping as Christmas nears

#### Combined open houses

Two rural businesses—Past and Present Gifts, Flowers and Ladies Fashion in Elkhorn, and Flower Attic and Gifts in Virden—have decided to hold a combined open house this year, on November 12 and 13. People who shop at both stores that weekend will have a chance to win their purchases back from both places.

Wenda Paton, the owner of Past and Present, says it's always a plus when rural businesses join forces.

"We have such a great vari-ety of rural shops in the area," she says. "Moosomin is minutes she says. "Moosomin is minutes away, Virden is minutes away, Wawota's not far, and the inde-Wawota's not far, and the inde-pendent stores we have with great shopping here, we outpace Bran-don by all means, whether it is Flower Attic, myself, Kari's Klos-et—all those shops. We are getting people from Brandon out this way and they are doing their stops in Ukedon and Elubhorg and Easibicht Virden and Elkhorn and Fairlight, and they are doing that because we have the hand picked items in our stores. We are not box stores, and our items are all unique. "So what it comes down to is

not just supporting local, it also supports rural. We have such great shopping in our rural area and so many great things going

"That's what we are trying to push—not just shop local, but shop rural. Use your rural stores, keep our rural areas alive, keep "the towns going, and that weep our furtal areas alive, keep our little towns going, and that benefits everyone. Because we benefit things like the rinks for donations—everything works if you look after the rural area."

This is the first time the two stores have combined their open house

houses. "The benefit is just letting peo-ple know it's okay to go to Vird-en, it's okay to come to Elkhorn to shop, and not all one store can carry everything," says Paton. "More businesses bring more with because if they are going

"More businesses bring more people, because if they are going to come out just for me, they may not jump in that car and drive an hour, but if they can stop at Faye's or the clothing shop or shoe shop in Virden and go on to Kari's and other places, then it's destination shopping. It's no different than us jumping in our car and going us jumping in our car and going to Winnipeg and Brandon. And I think that's what we have to start doing, rural people should work together."

"It's just a chance for people to have more than one place to go," says Faye Horn, the owner of Flower Attic and Gifts. "I'm hop-



Faye Horn, left, and Wenda Paton, right, are two rural business owners from different towns who have decided to have combined open houses. Horn owns Flower Attic and Gifts in Virden, and Paton owns Past and Present Gifts, Flowers and Ladies Fashion in Elkhorn.

ing it works out good for both of us-it just gives them an opportu-

We have to try to promote small businesses. We have a lot to offer. I don't think people realize what we do carry in our stores.

what we do carry in our stores. We have a large selection of home decor and giftwear. "I just think it's important that we work together because we are all out for the same thing. We just want to keep people shopping lo-cal, keep them at home.

"I think it will make it a day of it for the ladies, because lots of ladies like to do that. And I'm sure if they attend Wenda's and my open house that it's going to ben-efit other businesses too because if they are coming for the day they can go to other stores as well."

#### City people shop small town

On November 18-19 and No-On November 18-19 and No-vember 25-26, six busloads of women leaving from Regina will descend on the town of Wawota where they will shop at Front Porch Interiors and Grammie's Gift Emporium.

The buses are part of the Women on Wheels tour that gives women a chance to discover what some of the independent, small-town businesses in Southeast Saskatchewan offer. The buses load up in Regina, then stop in Montmartre, Kipling, Wawota, and Carlyle. "The ladies in Montmartre

started it as a way to say 'let's do all of our Christmas shopping in small town Saskatchewan instead of supporting the city all the time.' " says Shannon Houff with Front

Porch Interiors in Wawota. Houff has been involved with the tour for a number of years

now. "I got involved in it because

I'd heard about it, and also I was friends with the ladies in Mont-martre. When they decided to make it a little bit bigger, I asked if I could be a part of it and could we do a whole day thing. It just kind of grew from there."

What do the women on the bus love about the rural stores?

"Everything that is in my store and everyone else's on the tour is hand picked," says Houff. "No-body tells us like in the big corpo-rate world that this is in style and this is only to the tour of the tour." this is what you pick. Usually we have good unique gifts. We also give them a little bit of a special for the bus tour, plus, isn't it fun to not have to be the one to drive, get on a bus with all your girlfriends and just shop for the day?" Houff says there is a bittersweet

"It's interesting when people in our local communities leave the our local communities leave the community to shop and there's the city coming to us to shop," she says. "Local people don't know how much damage they do by not supporting local stores. They think it doesn't affect them by not there in the store of the store of the store of the hore in the store of the s shopping with us, but it surely does. If you don't have a good core business community in your town, your \$250,000 house just went from that to about \$120,000 and you'll need to give yourself about five years to sell it. In the end they are shooting themselves in the foot when we don't have a

viable business community." Houff says the Women on Wheels customers often end up

wheels customers often end up becoming repeat customers. "I can say that the comments that I get are tremendous. A lot of ladies will invite their daughters and granddaughters from different cities that will come in and then go on the tour with their moms. I've had ladies from Calgary say 'I'd have to drive around Calgary all day long and I don't

think I'd find the great stuff you have in one store.' So for me it's about connections. I want to sell stuff that day, but the connections I've made from my store and what I do with my interior design has been tremendous. Then these ladies will come out through the summer and check out the store when they're in the area with their family, or they go to Kenosee for the week and then they come and shop at my store."

#### Other events

Local boards of trade and chambers of commerce have a lot planned during the Christmas season. Here are a few options in the local communities:

#### Moosomin

Moosomin has a number of things going on leading up to Christmas

Christmas. Wednesday, Nov. 30 will be Moonlight Madness in Mooso-min. Stores will be open until 9 pm that night and cash cards will be distributed at stores, givine be distributed at stores, giving customers a chance to win in three draws for Moosomin Bucks. One person will win \$500, one will win \$250 and one will win \$100 in Moosomin Bucks.

Moosomin Bucks. This will be a kickoff to Wednes-day night shopping, and stores will be open Wednesday nights until Christmas. Borderland Co-op's mascot Cooper will be travelling around to different stores that night with Sparte ack full of coupone and

a Santa sack full of coupons and special offers from local business-

. Flamans is also building a spe cial Christmas train for Moonlight Madness. The train will offer rides to children with Santa and his elves downtown. The train will be at the Borderland Co-op Marketplace parking lot, and Flamans' staff will also be handing out hot chocolate and treats.

Saturday, Dec. 3 is Santa Day in Moosomin. The Kinettes are or-20 ganizing photos with Santa from 10 am to noon at the Seniors Drop In Centre, and children who see Santa will receive a free movie ticket to an afternoon matinee of the movie Trolls at the Moosomin Community Theatre. On Sunday, Dec. 4, the CP Holi-day Train will visit Moosomin at

noon. When the train stops, there will be performances by singersongwriter Dallas Smith, and alt-rock band The Odds. CP will make a presentation to the Moo-somin Food Bank, and food will be collected at the event for the local food bank

#### Rocanville

Businesses in the town of Ro-canville will be open for late night shopping on Thursday, Dec. 1, Thursday, Dec. 8 and Thursday, Thursda Dec. 15.

Dec. 15. Thursday, Dec. 1 will also be Rocanville's tree lighting down town. There will also be a Christ-mas trade show that night at Hope Congregational Church in support of Rocanville Aquatic Centre, and the pool will be hosting a bake sale. There will be a weiner roast at

7:15 that night with free hot dogs and drinks sponsored by Border-land Co-op. The weiner roast will be at the fire hall, and people are asked to bring their own wiener stick.

On Thursday, Dec. 8, children will have a chance to get their pic-tures taken with Santa at Conexus Credit Union, and Borderland Coop's mascot Cooper will be going around with a Santa sack full of coupons with discounts and special offers from local businesse

#### Elkhorn

Elkhorn will be holding its Christmas light up on Saturday, Dec. 3.

The theme of the day is "it's a wonderful life" and stores and business owners will be encouraged to decorate the village along those lines. A trade show will be held with

local vendors in the Legion Hall local vendors in the Legion Hall from 1-5 pm. A movie will be shown from 2-4 pm that day fol-lowed by a visit from Santa at the Elks Hall. Sleigh rides around town will start at 3:30 pm and at 4 pm hot dogs, hot chocolate and cookies will be sold on main street. There will also be face street. There will also be face

At 5:15 pm the light up will be held, and at 5:45 pm there will held, and at 5:45 pm there will be a parade on the village's main street.

Stores will be open until 7 pm that night.

#### Wawota

Wawota is planning a Santa Day and customer appreciation day for Friday, Dec. 2. Plans are still coming together for the day.



# Growth seen for Saskatchewan, Manitoba

Canada's GDP is likely to rise 1.2% this year, and accelerate to 2% in 2017, according to the BMO Blue Book released last week.

Provincial levels range from strong growth to recession levels. While areas with more

diverse resource bases have accelerated in spite of major cutbacks in the energy sector, the business climate remains promis-ing, especially within the agriculture, construction, innovation and tourism sectors across the country.

"While growth at the na-tional level looks subdued but relatively undramatic. conditions at the provincial conditions at the provincial levels range from strong growth to outright reces-sion," said Robert Kavcic, Senior Economist, BMO Capital Markets. "Notable is the fact that regional economic growth drivers of the past decade have receded to the back of the pack while nast laverards pack, while past laggards move into a new leadership role.

"Even those whose busi-nesses have been affected by oil and gas are embrac-ing opportunities that a low dollar and equally low interest rates have presented," said Andrew Irvine, Head of Canadian Com-mercial Banking, BMO Bank of Montreal. "If we have one takeaway from our commercial clients nationwide, it's that those who have made a point in investing in their opera-tions, in times like this, see increased productivity and impressive returns on their vestments for years to

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are slowly decreasing, but home sales are still up quarter over quarter, giv-ing reason for optimism. This is echoed by the sen-

timent from BMO's com-mercial clients. "Though certain industries are re-

maintains a stable business

climate," said John Ma-cAulay, Senior Vice Presi-

dent for Prairies and Cen-tral Canada, BMO Bank of Montreal. "There is some hesitation in plans for ex-

pansion or purchasing, based on what's happen-

ing in oil and gas, but we still see a good amount of

investment in operations, specifically with solid ad-vances in dairy and poul-try farming as owners take

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The region will continue

to experience slow progres-sion and the re-elected Sas-

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#### Saskatchewan to see modest improvements

Regaining its pre-2015 rank among Canada's eco-nomic elite may not be like-luk brite call a ly but Saskatchewan is seeing modest improvements in its economic landscape that should accelerate even further by 2017, according to the BMO Blue Book.

to the BMO Blue Book. Saskatchewan's growth has been limited by the slight upswing in GDP has the farm sector to thank. Agriculture is having a strong year in crop pro-duction and steadily rising noted production in grite potash production, in spite of the effect of low global prices. "It's no surprise that

"It's no surprise that Saskatchewan is affected by oil and gas, which ac-counts for roughly 15% of their GDP - well below Alberta, but still a signifi-cant weight," said Robert Kavcic, Senior Economist, BMO Capital Markets. "The province is again losing migrants to other regions; for the housing market, the slowdown in employment and popuemployment and popu-



struction and other large mining projects until mar-ket conditions improve.

Mr. MacAulay added that BMO is here to help with a highly-skilled team of experts who can make lending decisions at the lo-cal level to help the bank's commercial clients boost productivity, expand into new markets and make strategic investment deci-sions that will help propel growth and drive success.

### Manitoba set to continue

to continue steady growth Manitoba's growth is maintaining momentum yet again, as the region seems poised to mark seven consecutive years of increases of at least 2.3 per cent. No other province can claim the same concis. can claim the same consis-

can claim the same consis-tency. A very low GDP stake in oil production, coupled with a strong manufactur-ing and transportation sec-tor, has contributed to the province's high economic ctanding. standing. "Manufacturing output



year, and should continue to benefit from the combi-nation of a weaker Cana-dian dollar and still-solid U.S. demand," said Robert Kavcic, Senior Economist, BMO Capital Markets. "Additionally, the transportation sector has been strong in recent years, with orders rolling in from various municipalities for public transit and U.S. cit-ies with improved fiscal backdrops and higher state

spending." Notable job gains in construction and profesconstruction and profes-sional services are keeping

unemployment below the national average. This is reflected in the province's business climate, with con-struction set for a good year based on stable hous-ing demand and the development of new buildings and offices.

among "Confidence Manitoba businesses is on the rise and a number of sectors are looking forward to a successful year. In particular, we're hear-ing positive feedback from our manufacturing, service and agricultural customand agricultural custom-ers," said John MacAulay, Senior Vice President for Prairies and Central Canada, BMO Bank of Montreal.

Mr. MacAulay adds that for agricultural busi-nesses, land acquisitions seem to be continuing and a successful harvest could generate more equipment purchasing where a slight pullback has been noted. There is a small increase in requests for pre-approvals from producers, which could be a sign of another

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The Whippletree Coffee shop located in the theatre.

# **Esterhazy Maple Leaf Theatre reopens**

The marquee lights in Esterhazy are lit up once again as the Maple Leaf Theatre has recently reopened its doors. The building, which was built in 1952, closed to the public approximately six years ago. Since that time, the building has been waiting for a revitalization to happen.

At a social event a few months ago, the idea of revitalizing the theatre came up in a conversation with friends Chris and Katherine Miller and Ian and Noelle Gogol. The Millers have lived in the community for many years, and have very fond memories of visiting the theatre as young children themselves, as well as memories of bringing their own children to movies. Conversely, the Gogols moved to the community with their children four years ago and were avid moviegoers. They were soon disappointed to learn that the local theatre was closed.

This beginning conversation quickly turned into action. Before long, the building was purchased and plans for a renovation were put into the works. Along the way, it was discovered that Jennifer and Oryan Duff were hunting for a location to set up their dream coffee shop. Whippletree Coffee seemed like a perfect fit for the Maple Leaf Theatre—coffee and goodies during the week and movies and popcorn on the weekend.

It has been Jennifer's dream ever since being young girl to own and operate a coffee shop. Af-



The inside of the Maple Leaf Theatre in Esterhazy.

ter living in Esterhazy for three years and now calling it home, they pride themselves on investing in their community by being locally owned and locally operated. Their hearts are set on making connections with people, with local businesses, and with the community. Whippletree's hours are Monday-Friday 8:30-5, Saturday 10-4 and closed on Sundays. There will also be times when they will open late on Thursday nights for special events such as acoustic open mics. To help house all of the

To help house all of the bursting ideas that were being brainstormed, renovations needed to take place. The theatre space tiself was given a facelift with an updated paint job. A permanent stage has been added that is ready to be put to use by housing various concerts, live theatre events, and keynote speakers. The theatre can also be rented out for private events and parties. State-of-the-art digital projection equipment, along with high-quality Dolby 7.1 sound equipment has been installed. The feedback for the video and sound has been outstanding. The theatre will be showing newer-released movies on the weekends

on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Depending on the movie, some weekends will have an early and a late show, while some will just play one movie per night. A few extra movies will be added throughout the year, such as Wayback Wednesdays, holiday themed movies (Hallow een, Christmas, etc.), Monday Movies for Mommies, etc.

etc. The lobby area of the thearte was completely gutted and opened right up to help accommodate both the movie concession area along with Whippletree Coffee. The coffee shop seats approximately 22 people and serves drinks such as signature coffees and teas, lattes, espressos, frappes, smoothies, and Italian sodas. Fresh baking is also available, including cookies, cinnamon buns, mini-loaves, brownies, and croissants. During movies and events, the theatre concession serves snacks such as popcorn, nachos, drinks, slushies, candy, chocolate bars and cotton candy.

The feedback from the first couple of weeks has shown people have a great emotional connection to the small-town theatre even beyond screening movies. The coffee shop gives a new "big city" vibe in a small town and the building provides a community gathering place. From new-releases to old classic movies, to live music and theatre events, to birthday parties, to an afternoon coffee session on a rainy day, or to coffee shop acoustic open mic nights, there is something for evervone.

there is something for everyone. All three couples involved share the same philosophy—to create a warm, friendly atmosphere to allow friends and families to share an afternoon or evening out together. In today's world, it is too easy to sit in your basement and watch a movie by yourself, or to sit by yourself and drink coffee while staring at your phone screen. Maple Leaf Theatre and Whippletrea Coffee want to become an extension of your house a place to spend time with your family while watching a movie on the bigscreen and eating popcorn, to experience live theatre for the first time, or to meet and visit with friends for an afternoon over a delicious signature coffee.

an atternoon over a delicious signature coffee. There is excitement all over town about these great additions to Esterhazy. People from surrounding communities are starting to hear the buzz and are stopping in to be a part of this excitement. If the attention and interest can keep going over the long haul, the Maple to keep its doors open to cater to movie goers and coffee drinkers for a few more generations down the road.



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# Line 3 replacement project could begin next year

If approved by the federal government, Enbridge's Line 3 replacement pro-gram could begin next year. A final decision is ex-pected by the Federal gov-

ernment by Nov. 25. The proposed Line 3 Replacement Program in-volves replacement of all remaining segments of Enbridge's Line 3 pipeline between Hardisty, Alberta and Superior, Wisconsin, along with construction of associated facilities.

associated facilities. The project involves re-placing existing 34-inch-diameter pipe with 36-inch-diameter pipe 36-inch-diameter pipe from Hardisty to Gretna, MB, and Neche, ND, to Superior.

Segments of Line 3 from the U.S.-Canada interna-tional border to Neche, and near the Minnesota-Wisconsin border to Enbridge's Superior Termi-nal, will be replaced with 34-inch-diameter pipeline,

and are under separate segment replacement projects. The \$7.5-billion Line

Replacement Program (L3RP) is the largest project in Enbridge history, and in-cludes replacing the existing pipe with modern pipe materials utilizing modern materials utilizing modern construction methods— resulting in restoration of one of Enbridge's primary pipelines along its Main-line crude oil system. Under the L3RP, the ma-

jority of the existing Line 3 will be fully replaced with new pipeline and as-sociated facilities on either side of the Canada-U.S. international border. The total length of the pipeline replacement is 1,031 miles  $(1^{6}60 \text{ km})$ 

(1,600 km). On the Canadian side of the border, Enbridge Pipe-lines Inc. has announced plans to undertake an approximately \$4.9-billion replacement program for most of its Line 3 pipeline running between Enbridge's existing Hardisty Terminal in east-central Alberta and Gretna, Manitoba

Similarly, in the U.S., Enbridge Energy Partners L.P. will undertake an approxi-mately \$2.6-billion U.S. replacement program for its Line 3 pipeline running between Neche, North Dakota, and Enbridge's exist-ing Superior Station and Terminal Facility in Superior, Wisconsin. Collectively, these pro-

grams are known as the Line 3 Replacement Program, which Enbridge says is an important undertaking that will address integ-rity requirements, improve the reliability and safety of Enbridge's Mainline sys-tem, and restore pipeline aem, and restore pipeline capability. The program's targeted in-service date is early 2019.

Under the L3RP, all seg-

The October public offering of Sas-

Atchewar's Crown petroleum and natural gas rights on Tuesday effec-tively doubled the amount for the 2016–17 fiscal year so far, raising \$17 million and bringing the total to \$34 million with two sales remaining.

gas resources

ments of the line between Hardisty and Superior will be replaced with new pipe using the latest available high-strength steel and coating technology, while the existing segments will be removed from operation.

According to Enbridge, replacing the pipeline is the most efficient way to maintain the reliability of Line 3, and it's also the most timely and reliable most timely and reliable transportation solution for transporting Western Ca-nadian crude oil to refinery markets in Chicago, the U.S. Gulf Coast, and the Eastern U.S. and Canada.

The oral portion of the National Energy Board's (NEB) hearings on En-bridge's proposed Line 3 Replacement Program began on Nov. 30, 2015 in Winnipeg and concluded on Dec. 14, 2015 in Calgary. As part of the L3RP, the

Fiscal year total for public offerings of petroleum and natural gas rights

doubles with October sale

accessible resource base our favour-

able operating environment and our transparent policy regime," said En-ergy and Resources Minister Dustin Duncan. "This results in clear in-

vestment opportunities for the in-dustry, and we continue our work

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existing Line 3 pipeline will be decommissioned— and Enbridge will be re-sponsible for the decommissioned line.

Decommissioning refers to the permanent cessation of operation, such that the cessation does not result in the discontinuance of ser-

vice to end-users. In general terms, the proin general terms, the pro-cess of decommissioning a pipeline involves: remov-ing the oil from the pipe-line; cleaning the pipeline; physically\_disconnecting the pipeline; segmenting the pipeline and continuing to monitor it.

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houses an extensive collection of drill core and cuttings from the Sas-katchewan part of the Western Can-ada Sedimentary Basin.

In Tuesday's public offering, two xploration licences located west of Estevan received bonus bids totalling \$6.9 million for 2,832.814 hect-ares. Millennium Land Ltd. was the successful bidder of these par-cels that are prospective for mul-tiple targets including the Midale and Frobisher Beds of the Madison Group, the Bakken Formation and the Three Forks Group/Torquay Formation.

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# Canadians have a duty to truly understand energy issues

This nation needs a thoughtful dialogue on energy civics, because Ca-nadians must become far more involved in the way energy policy is shaped and grounded in everyday life. Wikipedia says: "Civics is the study of the theoreti-

al and practical aspects of citizenship, its rights and duties; the duties of citizens to each other as members of a political body and to the

a political body and to the government." That would ring true for those Canadians who take more than a passing inter-est in the affairs of govern-ment and politics, and what it means to their lives. They take it as their civic duty. Two words stand out:

rights and duties. But too many Canadians are prone to squawk loudly about the first and remain curiously silent about the second.

Yet rights and duties are inextricably bound together.

In many respects, one re-quires the other to function. Take this puzzling ener-gy paradox as an example: Canadians will argue that they have a right to clean, abundant and low-cost energy. But rarely will they be curious about the duties required to support that right. Put bluntly, Canadians tend to be energy entitled. They

often have no clue about the real costs—social, political, economic and even moral—of a sustainable energy economy. It's downright confound-

ing. And it's landed Canada in what is a decidedly uncivil

energy discourse. In a civil society, citizens are bound together—and function together—based on common interests.

Energy should be one of those collective interests. But it's not

it's not. Canadians generally don't understand they have a duty to be informed about en-ergy dynamics. Politicians, media, industry, non-gov-ormmont comprisitions all ernment organizations—all the actors in our energy dra-ma—have failed abysmally in making Canadians more energy literate and therefore more legitimately involved in the process.

The consequence of that ignorance? A polarization in important discussions that should bind Canadians to-gether but in fact are tearing the nation apart. Take the carbon dynamic.

If there ever was a conversation Canadians should have based on knowledge and rational thought, it is about how best to work through the challenges (and opportunities) of creating a sustain-



able low-carbon economic model. Canadians clearly think

Canadians clearly think we have a right to a healthy environment. But turn to talk about the duties re-quired to make that happen and things become a little murkier. The dynamics of duty are complex, to be sure, and there is no one-size fits. and there is no one-size-fits-all model for Canadians.

But there is one common foundational plank. At its most basic level, the base-line duty is to be informed, certainly above what most Canadians could now legiti-natalnehistic to be in a canad mately claim to be in regard to energy. But here we are, embroiled

in carbon conflicts, and a great portion of the populagreat portion of the popula-tion appears functionally il-literate on the topic. The re-sult is political polarization and an under-informed pop-ulace whose views ought to be shaping the discussions. So politicians move for-ward on assumptions of what voters ought to want, ather than knowine. Activ-

rather than knowing. Activ-

**Bill Whitelaw** 

ists do the same thing, based on what they think folks

ought to want. It all flows from a general failure of Canadians to do their duty: to be informed and participate in civil so-ciety. That failure creates a civics vacuum. And we all know politicians and activ-ists abhor such vacuums.

At the same time, the en-ergy industry rarely recognizes such vacuums proac-tively. It typically shows up late to the party. The result is an industry proclivity to lecture Canadians on how a ro-bust energy sector facilitates and enables high-quality high-quality standards of living. And that hardly consti-

tutes the kind of thoughtful dialogue on energy civics that is so badly needed in this country.

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### **CFIB:** Small businesses need to be part of innovation conversation

Canada's small businesses need to be part of the coun-try's innovation conversatry's innovation conversa-tion, according to the latest report from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) being released at the first meeting of the all-party Entrepreneur Caucus since last fall's election.

"CFIB congratulates the federal government on its focus on innovation and we are counting on them to come up with a broad-based pol-icy that is available to small firms and not one that just

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picks a few sectors or clusters to support," said Corinne Pohlmann, CFIB's senior vice-president of national fairs and partnerships. CFIB's new innovation study found 80 per cent of small businesses report that they have been innovative in their business in the past five years. "Our concern is that, too often, 'innovation' is confused with 'invention,' resulting in the exclusion of many innovative activities," Pohlmann added.

"Creating an environment at encourages innovation that shouldn't necessarily mean that government has to cre-ate costly new financing grants or programs," said Pohlmann. "Instead, it would be more effective for govern-ment to address barriers to innovation such as skilled lainnovation such as skilled la-bour shortages, red tape and lower taxes to drive more in-novation in Canada." "We also recommend ap-proaching new regulations and legislation with an 'inno-vation grave the tawill agaid de

vation lens' that will consider the impact of new policies on small employers' ability to innovate," added Pohlmann. In addition, reinstating the small business corporate tax reduction plan and easing— not increasing—the burden of payroll taxes, are examples of policies that would encourage more innovation in small business.

While the government of-fers several programs and tax credits to support inno-vation, many small business owners are simply unaware they exist. More than half of business owners surveyed were not very or not at all aware of programs including the Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP), and

the Networks of Centres of Excellence. "The ideal model will help small businesses hire more people, pay higher wages and be even more produc-tive contributors to Canada's economic growth," added Pohlmann. "One way for government to do that would be to implement an innova-tion deduction that would tion deduction that would allow businesses to claim up to \$100,000 per year on new equipment and technology similar to what was recently introduced in the United States.





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# Energy use will increase at slower pace:

The National Energy Board (NEB) has updated its long-term energy outlook, lowering both the future price of crude and the estimated increase in Canadian oil production by 2040.

Canada's Energy Future 2016: Update incorporates rapidly evolving energy market conditions and policy de-velopments over the past year. The report suggests that energy use, including energy derived from fossil fuels, will continue to increase but at a slower pace compared to

Win continue to increase but at a slower pace compared to the NEB's last projections and at a much slower pace than Canada has seen over the last 25 years. In the report's reference case, Canadian crude oil pro-duction continues to grow, but at a slower rate than in the previous report released in January, 2016. The global price of oil remains a key uncertainty for future growth.

In the electricity sector, recent policy announcements have a large impact going forward, with more growth in renewables than projected in the NEB's January report. By 2040, coal-fired generation without carbon capture and storage technology accounts for a very small part of

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Canada's electricity mix. Earlier this month, the Government of Canada an-nounced its plan to price carbon pollution, a central component of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change. The plan represents one of the most significant federal climate policy announce-ments in Canada and the NEB requires additional time to meaburity off out "file the increase additional time to

type and quantity of energy produced and required in every province and territory, and what that energy mix is forecast to look like decades into the future. These visual-izations have about 10 million unique possibilities. With the degree of customization and interaction built into this tool, each user can tell the story that most interests them. Report highlights:

The reference crude oil price is now \$90 US per barrel 2040, or \$17 lower than the NEB's projections released at the beginning of 2016.

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The Poltava Dancers are coming to Moosomin Friday, November 18. The sold-out performance, along with a gala Ukrainian Supper, will be a fundraiser for Bethel United Church in Moosomin.

### Bethel United Church planning Ukrainian extravaganza

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK We have all been to Unit-d Church fundraisers in ed

towns large and small. There's the tea and bake sale. There's the rummage sale. There's the fowl or fall supper depending on which town you come from—and whatever you do, don't call a fall supper a fowl supper or a fowl supper a fall sup-per in certain towns, or you will get a long explanation why it is, has always been, and shall always be, a fall supper or fowl supper as th.

But Bethel United Church in Moosomin is planning a fundraiser for November that's different than any United Church fundraiser you have ever been to.

The church is planning a gala Ukrainian Supper, followed by a performance by a well-known Ukrainian dance group, the Poltava Dancers. The dance troupe is bringing their own or-chestra for the perfor-mance, set for the Conexus MCC Centre on Friday, November 18.

The more than 300 tickets for the event sold out within a few weeks. The first phase of the her-

itage church's restoration has been completed with a rebuilt bell tower on the front of the church.

The next phase is restora-tion of the church's stained glass windows.

How did the restoration project come about? "The church was built originally in 1889 and parts of the structure itself were getting pretty precarious," says Dennis Lonsdale of Bethel United Church.

"It was looking like the bell tower was coming down, so we got a report on what needed to be done structurally.

"Structurally we've got the tower secure. The walls were starting to pull out from the weight of the tower. We had to secure the walls. We were initially planning to just straighten

the tower and reclad it with some lighter materials to reduce the weight. Once we got into it, we realized that wasn't going to cut it. We ended up shortening it and putting a new roof on it." It's more in keeping with the original design. There the original design. There was a steeple on that corner

originally. "Next we'll be working

on stained glass windows and windows in general."

"When we started out we knew we had to have a building that's structur-ally sound so we started with that, and got the tower in place and got the walls secured. Now we want to work on the stained glass windows and the clear glass outside. There's a fellow from Kennedy who works on stained glass. We've got two panes removed already and he's working on them. When we first looked at it, we threw out a figure of

\$150,000, and our goal was to raise at least half of that and see what other funding would come along. We mavbe won't be too far off that \$150,000 mark.

Lonsdale says there is a very important reason to spend so much time and effort on renovations to the church?

"It's building commu-nity," he says. "Church was the social network back in the day. We've kind of gotten away from that, and I'm not so sure down the road that isn't going to come around and people are go-ing to spend a little more time being involved in their community and building their community." How did the Ukranian

supper fundraiser come about?

"Roman Chernykh and the Ukranian community had catered to a Shriners supper, and some members of our congregation asked if they would be able to do a supper for us," explains Shirley Lindsay. "That was the meal. We were trying to think of some entertain-

ment. Roman had just been to Yorkton and had seen some dancers and he's some dancers and he's friends with someone who previously danced with the Poltava dancers in Regina, so he talked with her and it went from there.

went from there. "Originally we were just going to have a Ukranian supper in the church, but when we found out we could get the dancers, we needed a bigger venue, so we booked the hall and added to the numbers." So far tickets are going well for the Ukranian sup-

well for the Ukranian sup-pe and the organizers are hoping to sell out all 150 tickets

"We've had some re-ally good comments," said Darlen Thomson. Some of the people have seen the dancers at Mosaic and are looking forward to seeing them here. They're bring-ing a 20-piece orchestra and 25 dancers so this is a large scale show.

"It's something differ-ent," says Lindsay. "I don't know if we've ever had Ukranian dancers in Moosomin. And now that we'r got the excellent hall with the stage, it should be good.

Previous fundraisers for the renovation project have included some large-scale garage sales, and Lindsay says the fundraisers have provided a rallying point for church members.

"Every project that we initiate and get going, the enthusiasm is always so good," says Lindsay. "There's nothing like a a project to get people go-

ing." The efforts have included not just church members.

"Óur church is like a community centre," says Thommunity centre," says Thom-son. "How many people do we hear say I don't know what I would do if that church wasn't there. We have lots of things going on there, it's a building for the whole community, not inet the dwird. I think the just the church. I think the spark that got it going was the first big garage sale.

People were excited about it and we had help from so many people who just wanted to help. "The reason I moved to a

small town was to be part of a community," says Lon-sdale. "I want to do what I can to help my community. A lot of people have pitched in to help with what we've

done with the restoration, and that's helping more people to be aware of the church and what we're do-

The organizers all say the organizers an say they are looking forward to the Ukranian supper. "I'm sure excited," says Thomson. "The Ukranian

community is totally look-

ing after the meal and I think that is absolutely marvelous. I met with the Ukranian community and they're excited—they're ready to roll."

The sellout event will take the church one more step along the way to com-plete the restoration project



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\$15,000 Christmas Giveaway. This promotion evolved from the World-Spectator's Christmas Car Giveaway. For several years the World-Spectator and local businesses gave away a car each Christmas. We went out and bought a car, put some signage on it, and displayed it in front of participating businesses. Driving those giveaway cars was always an adventure! We had a few mild winters in which I got to know intimately the inside of every car wash in the area during the Christmas shopping season. The car was a great prize,

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two years ago. This is how it works: When

you're shopping at one of the 44 participating local retail or restaurant locations, you can enter to win.

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A few of the draw boxes for the 2016 Christmas promotion at the World-Spectator/Plain and Valley office in Moosomin ready to go out to participating businesses at the start of the promotion.





chance to win the \$15,000 main prize, but we also have a large number of additional prizes valued in total at more than \$5,000, provided by our participating businesses.

prizes valued in total at more than \$5,000, provided by our participating businesses. This year's prizes include everything from a drone from Glasser's in Moosomin to one of seven gift certificates to Dano's the Red Barn or Subway to a margarita machine from Borderland Co-op to a limited edition Elle Eifel Tower necklace from Kassie's Jewelry in Moosomin to a \$400 furniture certificate from Today's Furniture and Electronics in Redvers to an ice fishing package from Virden Rec to a battery booster pack from St. Lazare Tire to a 10-piece Paderno Cookware set from Moosomin Pharmasave to an olive oil package from Decker's H20 and Spirits To Go in

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Our participating businesses have come up with some great ideas of how you could spend the money if you are the winner.

the winner. For example, for \$15,000 at Glasser's you could buy a Premium Series 85-inch 4K TV, at Kassie's you could buy

315 pairs of Hillberg and Berk sparkle ball earrings, at Today's Furniture and Electronics you could buy furniture for your entire house, and at Bumper to Bumper in Rocanville you could buy a complete home yard system.

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Small business owners and employees are hard working people, they support the organizations that keep your community running, they work hard all year long to earn your business, and this Christmas season, small businesses throughout the area are working together through this promotion to give you one more reason to support the businesses that support your community.

nesses throughout the area are working together through this promotion to give you one more reason to support the businesses that support your community. Thanks to all the businesses that are taking part in our Christmas Giveaway this year, and thanks to all those who support their local businesses by shopping locally this Christmas season!



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# **Four blooms for International Peace Garden**

The International Peace Garden received a 4 Blooms rating and a special mention for Conservatory with Cacti and Succulent Collection during the 2016 National/International Symposium and Awards Ceremonies in Regina, SK. The International Peace Garden participated in the Special Attractions category. Over the summer, trained volunteer judges travelled to

Over the summer, trained volunteer judges travelled to participating communities to evaluate the overall contributions of municipal council and departments; industry; businesses and the private sector – including volunteer efforts – in regards to the following criteria: Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape and Floral Displays. Following their evaluation, volunteer judges Berta Briggs and Tina Liu wrote: "The International Peace Gar-

den that straddles the border between Manitoba and North Dakota was established in 1932 to celebrate the peaceful relationship between our two countries and to represent

"relationship between our two countries and to represent the hope for global peace. "It is home to both great natural beauty and extensive gardens. A few years ago the Garden seized the opportunity to become home to the fourth largest collection of cacti and succulents in North America. With 6500 species of which 4000 are unique, a conservatory was built to house and display the donation. The collection is beautifully curated and displayed to provide the visitor with a wonderful opportunity to sense how small the world is with representation of almost all cacti and succulents from around the world. The adjacent courtyard even has a beautiful collection of native cact<sup>17</sup>.





# Marla Dyke fundraiser raises \$20,000



Marla Dyke (centre) was thankful to Coleen Webb (left) and her daughter, Alana Webb (right) or setting up the fundraiser. BY ROSE MAILLOUX

on Saturday, October 22, a benefit for Marla Dyke was held at the rink in McAuley, Manitoba. There were around 200 people for the steak supper and dance.

dance. "Marla Dyke has been very active within the community. She is always there to help everyone and so I think it is important to be there for Marla in her time of need," said Alana Webb. People travelled from many other communities, including. Elkhorn Elem-

reopie travelled from many other communities, including, Elkhorn, Fleming, Moosomin, Welwyn, and Rocanville. A silent auction was set up for everyone to browse the tables while they waited to eat. The highest item auctioned off was \$500 worth of electrical work donated by Jeannot's Electric. Joel Lewis bought it for \$550. During the dance the remaining steaks, donated by Jalyn Farms, were also auctioned off. Around \$20,000 was raised to help Marla Dyke with her expenses. "I was diagnosed with breast cancer on June 20,

"I was diagnosed with breast cancer on June 20, 2016. My journey thus far has been incredibly interesting with its ups and downs. I have met many wonderful people that I take cancer treatment with," said Dyke. "On September 8, I was diagnosed with Legionnaires disease, which is a rare form of pneumonia. I was in the ICU in Regina for 12 days and that has been the hardest part of the journey so far.

est part of the journey sofar. "Alana Webb headed this fundraiser and I would very much like to thank her and the Webb family. Everyone is so generous and kind. This whole event has been very overwhelming and my family and I very much appreciate it."

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**Above:** Keegan Dyke and Dawson Dyke sat by the colourful orange pumpkins at the Benefit for Marla Dyke.

**Below:** Tracy Schmidt volunteered her time at the fundraiser serving baked potatoes at the supper.





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> The CP Holiday Train is coming to communities along the CP Main Line Sunday, Dec. 4, and to communities along CP's Soo Line on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 14 and 15.

# **CP Holiday Train coming in December**

The CP Holiday Train is coming to com-munities along the Main Line on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3 and 4, and to commu-nities along the Soo Line Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 14 and 15. The holiday train stops along the CP Main Line will include performances by singer-songwriter Dallas Smith and alt-rock band The Odds. The stops along the Soo Line will feature Kelly Prescott and Colin Immes Colin James.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, the holiday train will be performing in Brandon, stopping on Assiniboine Avenue, west of the Eighth Street overpass. On Sunday, Dec. 4 the train will make

several stops along the main line. The train will begin the day with a stop in Virden at 10:30 am, and will stop in Moosomin at 12 noon for a performance.

It will stop for a performance at Broad-view at 2 pm, at Wolseley at 3:30 pm for a shorter 20 minute stop, at Indian Head at

4:45 pm, and at Qu'Appelle at 6 pm. A second Holiday Train leaves from Montreal and goes through CP's American lines. The American train will finish its run in Saskatchewan, along the Soo Line stops of North Portal, Estevan and Weyburn.

On Worth Portal, Estevan and Weypurn. On Wednesday, Dec. 14, the holiday train will make a stop at Minot at 6:45 pm and at Kenmare at 8:45 pm. Thursday, Dec. 15, the Holiday Train will make stops at North Portal at 12 noon, at Estevan at 3:15; and at Weyburn at 6 pm. Those stops will feature performances by Kelly Prescott

and Colin James. The CP Holiday Train is in its 18th year of raising money, food and awareness for local food banks.

Since its launch in 1999, the program has raised more than \$12 million and 3.9 million pounds of food for communities along CF northern U.S. CP's routes in Canada and the

"For nearly 20 years, CP has watched communities turn out to enjoy a won-derful event while taking a stand against hunger," said Hunter Harrison, CP's Chief Executive Officer. "We are proud of the role the Holiday Train plays, but more im-portantly, we're proud of the people and families that come out year after year to help their neighbours. They're the reason we keep bringing the train back." Every pound of food and dollar raised

at each stop stays with the local food bank to help feed those in need in that commu-

nity. The Holiday Train is sporting an all-

Canadian musical line up with multiple Canadian Country Music Award and Juno Award winners.

The Holiday Train program is encourag-The Holiday Irain program is encourag-ing people attending events to bring heart healthy donations. Heart health education and awareness is a tenet of CP's commu-nity investment program, CP Has Heart, which focuses on improving the heart health of men, women and children in communities across North America. "We are very excited about this year's

'We are very excited about this year's CP Holiday Train and are encouraging all event attendees to bring healthy, nutri-tious food items to the shows," said Pam Jolliffe, Interim Executive Director, Food Banks Canada. "For the last two decades, CP has played an integral role in raising essential food for the holidays and in rais-ing awareness of hunger-related issues."



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November 2016





Clockwise from left: Tom Dowden as Buddy Holly; Tom Dowden, Roman Clarke and Dylan MacDonald performing: Tayo and Tim Sedor speaking about their experience with the Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal; Dylan MacDonald on bass.



The Moosomin Shrine Club hosted "Rave On! A Buddy Holly Tribute" on Friday, Oct. 7 in Moosomin. The show was a fundraiser for Shriners' Hospitals for Children. Before the concert, Tayo Sedor and his father Tim Sedor were introduced. The Sedors

Before the concert, Tayo Sedor and his father Tim Sedor were introduced. The Sedors live in Carlyle and travelled to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal after Tayo was diagnosed with scoliosis of the spine and Chiari 1 malformation of the brain when he was a toddler. The Sedors struggled with Tayo's health problems, with no luck, until someone suggested they contact the Shriners. Tayo is now a healthy school student at Carlyle Elementary School.

"Tayo is the reason I am a Shriner tonight," said Tim. Tim said he was blown away by the care and treatment they received at Shriners hospital.

"It's truly a magical place where the only thing that matters is the outcome for that child," he said. "That's the best place in the world you can be is surrounded by the love of those people. It's amazing."

of those people. It's amazing." Tim decided to become a Shriner himself. "After that we came back and we were invited to the potentate's ball. We came into a room where there was nothing but just love for everyone in that room and my child. That was the most special thing that evening. I've never seen that from a group of people, and from that point on I knew I need to be a Shriner. That's why I'm here tonight."

The concert in Moosomin was a sold out event.



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# CCA applauds CETA deal

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau joined European Union (EU) leaders in Brussels on Sunday to sign the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). Once fully implemented, the historic trade pact will elimi-nate EU tariffs on almost 94 per cent of Canada's agri-food products including the prospective elimi-nation of EU import tariffs on nearly 65,000 tonnes of

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on nearly 65,000 tonnes of Canadian beef. The Canadian Cattle-men's Association (CCA) congratulates Prime Min-ister Trudeau and Inter-national Trade Minister Chrystia Freeland for succertification of suc-cessfully navigating an uncharted and complicat-ed path through EU poli-tics and getting the CETA signed. With the block-buster deal now secured, the CCA will continue to ensure the Government of Canada recognizes the im-portance of resolving long-standing technical regula-

Under the new access in CETA, the EU has the potential to become a \$600 million annual market for million annual market tor Canadian beef, compared with current levels of ap-proximately \$6 to \$10 mil-lion per year-- once the technical regulatory issues are resolved. Left unre-solved, these issues could undermine the ability for Canadian beef exporters to Canadian beef exporters to realize the potential of the

cCA Director and For-eign Trade Vice-Chair Doug Sawyer travelled to Brussels earlier in the week with the Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance (CAFTA) to highlight the immense potential of the CETA for the Canadian beef sector and to emphasize the need to resolve the outstanding technical bar-

Darling has discussed the CETA with Minister Freeland on numerous occa-

ions in recent months and is confident that the Min-ister fully appreciates the desire of the Canadian beef industry to gain real mean-ingful access to the EU. "We will continue to work in close partnership with the Government to get the facilities. The Canadian Meat Council, represent-ing federally inspected ing federally inspected packers is taking the lead on preparing the dossiers to submit to the European Food Safety Authority to demonstrate the efficacy of

ed at the official signing ceremony in Brussels by CAFTA Executive Director Claire Citeau. The official signing means the Agree-ment will now move on to the ratification process and

there may be implementing legislation introduced into the Canadian Parlia-ment and the EU Parliament. It may come into effect sometime in the first half of 2017











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## Registrations open for Moosomin reu

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK Registrations are now being taken for the 2017 Homecoming and Reunion in Moosomin

The reunion and homecoming is being planned to celebrate Canada's 150th

anniversary. The reunion is set for July 6-9, 2017 in Moosomin. Registration will begin on the Thursday evening

with an icebreaker social

at the new PotashCorp Sportsplex. Friday evening will feature the first night of rodeo and a dance with a DI at the Conexus MCC

Centre. Saturday will be the annual Chamber of Com-merce parade, with a theme of Moosomin Through the Years. Individual classes will be encouraged to enter floats.

After the parade and

the ball drop, the international community will host a lunch and entertainment from their home countries.

The first multicultural event was held last sumweekend, and proved to be a huge hit, with partici-pation from the Filipino, Honduran, South African, Korean, and East Indian communities.

Following that, a pro-

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and their families" stated

Fundraising efforts for the Phase 1 projects will

Any funds raised beyond the \$500,000 will contribute

to completing aspects of

The Recreation Devel-

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as guest speakers. Saturday will include more rodeo events, rodeo idol, the Bucking Bull Futurity, and a Saturday night dance featuring the Back 40 Drifters Reunion organizers have

been in discussions with the Moosomin Ministerial Association about holding a joint church service on the Sunday morning of the reunion weekend.

assistance in the develop-

ment of the spray park.

Canada 150 and Moosomin Schools

135 Reunion and Homecoming set for

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REGISTRATION

#### \$500.000 to spray park commits Pipestone ot

In the summer of 2016 the RM of Pipestone Coun-cil initiated a Recreation Development Committee to fundraise for Phase 1 of a recreational development including a spray park and new club house.

new club house. On October 27, 2016 Council resolved that \$500,000 of the funds from the 2016 capital budget and royalties collected in 2016 would be used towards

the spray park portion of Phase 1. CTV's Still Standing Ca-nadian comedian Jonny Harris made the formal announcement to the RM of Pipestone residents at a live comedy show on October 30, 2016.

audience The audience thrilled with the news! was

"It was a perfect way to announce the \$500,000 commitment; we definite-ly are "Still Standing" and economically strong" said economically strong" said Tanis Chalmers, Manager of Economic Development.

The project is timely as the area's population is showing an increase with

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more young families mov-ing to the region. The addition of a spray

park is said to complement the RMs current incentives to increase their population through business grants and residential develop-

and research ment. "This project provides another approach to at-tracting business to the ployees, and those employ-ees are looking for an excel-







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# Nixon's team wins double gold at world culinary event in Germany

BY KARA KINNA When Rocanville's Kai-tlyn Nixon took up the culinary arts, she wasn't planning on distinguish-ing herself in competitive cooking. Nor had she any inkling she'd one day be a gold medalist at a world culinary want

a gold medanst at a world culinary event. But that's just what hap-pened on October 25, when Nixon and her teammates from the Culinary Institute of Canada earned two gold medals at IKA Internation-al Olympiade der Koche in Erfurt, Germany after a week of grueling preparations. The team was also ranked fourth overall in their category out of 57 teams from around the world.

Nixon decided to take up the culinary arts in 2011.

'I started culinary school in 2011 in Saskatoon and took the SIAST professional cooking program and I graduated in 2012. And I realized I liked the baking side of it a lot more," she

"I worked in Regina for a few years at a little gas-tropub called Beer Broth-ers and I ended up doing the baking out of their bak-ery, doing all the breads for them and a few retail places. I really loved it so I took another pastry chef job at a little place called Tanger-ine, and worked there for a little over the year doing all the pastries and making menus. "I kind of came to a dead

end where I couldn't learn end where I couldn't learn much more, and I just felt like I wanted to go back to school. I asked one of the instructors at SIAST where a good school would be and he recommended the CIC on P.E.I. I applied and got in that winter, and we decided we would pack up and head out there.

Nixon graduated from the Culinary Institute of Canada at Holland College in Charlottetown P.E.I. in April, after specializing in the pastry arts. It was there that she was selected to join a team to compete at the IKA in Germany.

The IKA is an interna-tional culinary arts expo-sition and olympic-like competition. Held every four years, it attracts the best chefs from around the world, in an intense competition of culinary arts. With around 1,600 chef

competitors, it's also the biggest culinary exhibition in the world.

So how was Nixon chosen?

sen? "There are some cook-ing competitive teams that work around the east coast. They hand picked students from the second year culinary and pastry arts," says Nixon. "And I got picked to compete in a trial for a competition that was in Halifax. There were about five of us on that about five of us on that team. We competed and did fairly well—we got silver—and then from that they decided that I would continue on with the team, and then they hand picked the rest of the students.

"I think it's based on your grades and how well



see what we could do and

what our style was. So we all threw out some dishes

that we thought would be great and then from there the coaches picked what the dishes would be and

every week we would go through the full program. And then on the Friday we would display it and

they would critique it and then we'd make changes to

our menu. And then we'd

throw everything away and start from scratch on

Monday." After over five months of full-time preparations, the team was ready to leave for Germany. The team left

Canada on October. 14 and presented their dishes on October 25.

the hardest things she has ever done. Over a five day period the teams in their category

had to prepare for eight servings: Three different appetizers, a five course meal, petit-fours (four pas-try varieties), four differ-

ent dessert plates, a buffet platter with three different

varieties of terrines plus garnishes, and four types

of finger foods. "It was very hard, one of the hardest things I've ever

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Nixon says it was one of

Monday.

Nixon working on her nougat.

you work with the team and your attitude. They told us all by Christmas told us all by Christmas who was going to be on this team, and right after the new year we started thinking about practicing and organizing things and we went over what was in-volved. volved.

"It was a pretty big sur-"It was a pretty big sur-prise. I went to school wanting to just truck through it and get it over with and I had never even thought about doing any competitions. I didn't think that was my inter-est or that I'd be very good at it. After that first com-petition it's a pretty big petition it's a pretty big rush and kind of exciting. I couldn't really say no when it was a free trip to Germany and competing

"It's pretty big. It is the biggest culinary exhibition and trade fair in the world. They have a bunch of ven-dors for everything in the culinary world, like equipment or jackets or food suppliers. It's kind of like

suppliers. It's kind of like Agribition for cooks. "They have quite a few teams from all over the world competing in dif-ferent categories. There is a national team for the number of countries com-peting. They have a junior national team for Canada and a senior national team, but ours was a regional team from PEI."

Nixon and her team—all of them recent graduates from CIC in P.E.I.—com-peted in a cold competition in which all of their food was for display and judged solely on appearance, pre-cision and how they orga-

There were eight mem-bers on the team, three of them specializing in pastry and five of them specializ-

ing in the culinary aspect. As soon as the team was chosen, they began to work in earnest to prepare for the competition. "We started full time

when we graduated, so the beginning of May," says Nixon. "We

"We worked Monday to Friday from 7 am to 2 pm. Right at the beginning the coaches just wanted to



Some of Nixon's petit fours.

done," says Nixon. "We got there and we immediately started working in a different kitchen, and working in a different kitchen you come up with different in-gredients was a big thing for us because we've prac-ticed for months with our recipes and had them right to the exact gram, and then working with a different product made in Europe was a challenge because up once we got over there. "We did 10 hour days Monday to Friday and there and we immediately

Monday to Friday and then Saturday morning we went in around eight in the morning and then stayed and worked all through the night until about three in the morning. And then we went to where the event was being held and set up our table there. It took about 45 minutes to drive about 45 minutes to drive there. We set up our table and everything was ready and had to be completed by seven in the morning. "We were pretty much working constantly, there

wasn't really a break. We'd just eat a sandwich here and there and keep work-

"It was all judged at once, so all the work we did over the week was for were judged from seven to eight in the morning. They judged our table and most of the other ones. Then af-ter that it was open to the public so they could come and see what we were do-

ing. "We went back at about three in the afternoon and they critiqued us and told us where we lost marks or

where we gained marks. "The judging is done on a point based scale so you start with 100 and everything that gets docked is a point for anything you do wrong. A mark of 100-90 is gold and then 90-80 is sil-

culinary and the pastry as-pects of our display." What made the P.E.I.

team's food stand out from

team's food stand out from the others? "They said ours was very dainty, elegant, ev-erything was done very finely and cleanly, there were no smudges on any of the plates or anything like that," says Nixon. "Because we have to glaze ev-erything so it holds up for the whole day and it looks nicer as a display, our glazing was done very well. The organization of our menu was nice.

"It was just a few small things we got docked marks for. "It's kind of hard to cri-

It is kind of nard to chi-tique food because it's so subjective. You go with your gut and if that doesn't end up working then there is nothing you can do. We put it all out there."

"We got gold in both the

Nixon says the team went expecting to medal,

but getting double gold was surprising. "That was our goal right from the beginning. The instructors put it on us that you go for gold and noth-ing less and that's what's expected of you. We all worked very hard dur-ing the surprar and euron worked very nard dur-ing the summer, and even though you could tell it was wearing on people now and then, we all had our focus.

our focus. "We expected to medal, we didn't expect to get gold. It was a big shock to everyone after that whole week, and you're just ex-hausted and you're just happy to get something, and getting gold was a

and getting gold was a pretty big rush. "We were pretty happy and pretty proud. They an-nounced that the culinary got gold first and then later they announced the pastry got gold and that was the big shock-double gold was unbelievable."

The team was also proud to be ranked fourth overall out of the 57 other regional

The team returned to Canada, and Nixon has since moved back to the Rocanville area. What's next for her?

"I'm going to take a break from competitive cooking and focus on my career as a cook or a pas-try chef. I don't think I will compete for a little while.

I'm pretty content with how we did so I'm going to ride on that high for a while," she says. "My fiancee and I just

moved back and he's also a chef. We are going to begin our catering company out in this area. We've got plans in the works for that and we are starting immediately. I will be doing bak-ing and Christmas baking for the winter.'

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# Flax market quietly working higher

Without much fanfare, cash bids for flaxseed have been trending higher. Early in the summer, prices of \$12 to \$12.50 a bushel fall delivered were avail-

able before fading below \$11 a bushel. But in the past week or two, we have seen bids jump back up over \$12 at the yard - maybe \$12.50 a bushel in areas where the freight costs are minimal for buyers. We even heard \$13 a bushel for top quality loaded rail car.

#### **O**PPORTUNITIES

Growers putting out some exploratory offers at premium prices have been pretty successful lately. It seems the best selling opportunities are coming from smaller merchandisers supplying human con-sumption end-users rather than mainline grain companies.

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successful lately. The recent strength across global veg-etable oil markets that has helped canola and soybean markets is now filtering down into flaxseed bids.

Statistics Canada's latest flaxseed pro-duction estimate is 577,000 tonnes, well down from 942,000 tonnes the year before. Given our opinion, the current StatsCan estimate is a bit understated, we will use 625,000 tonnes of production for 2016.

#### HARVEST DELAYS

However, this year's flax harvest is se-verely delayed given persistent rain and snow events across important flax grow-ing areas. Better than a third of the crop remains in the field at this time. That raises questions over ultimate crop size and quality of what will eventually be harvested this fall or left to next spring clean-up. Late harvesting of flaxseed is a road

travelled before. And when flax was al-most exclusively used as an industrial vegetable oil product, quality consider-ations were not paramount. But with the emergence in recent years of an edible component to the flaxseed marketplace, quality parameters have tightened for at least that element of the market where the premium prices are found.

#### CARRY-OVER

CARRY-OVER A wildcard issue for flax is how much was carried over from the previous year (2015-16). StatsCan estimated ending stocks as of July 31, 2016 at a sizeable 274,000 tonnes. That would be well above the 97,000 tonnes carried over from the previous year (2014-15).

Producers in the former Soviet Union now tend to service the majority of European import interests. The United States and China are currently primary buyers of Canadian flax, with European Union de-mand becoming more residual to the Ca-nadian balance sheet.

#### MARKET BOOST

Still, harvest season delays and rising vegetable oil markets in recent weeks have given the flaxeed markets infectin weeks take prospect of higher prices is certainly there, perhaps into the second half of the 2016-17 marketing year.

However, upside price movement for the flax market has limits because if North America valuation gets too far out of line, some domestic player here will likely threaten to import a boat from cheaper priced former Soviet Union suppliers. Mike Jubinville of Pro Farmer Canada

offers information on commodity markets and marketing strategies. Call 204-654-4290 or visit www.pfcanada.com to find out more about his services.



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# Grain Growers of Canada happy with CETA

The Grain Growers of Canada (GGC) welcomes the signing of the Compre-hensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union (EU) this past weekend. This agreement, sev-en years in the making, is the first mul-tilateral trade deal signed by the EU and another nation

The ratification process will put CETA up for approval in the parliaments of all included nations. Canada is not wast-ing any time with the announcement

by Trade Minister Chrystia Freeland that the agreement will be tabled in the House of Commons today. When fully implemented, CETA will remove tariffs from 94 per cent of agriculture and agrifood products and result in increased market access worth \$100 million for Canadian grains and oilseeds farmers.

export-dependent industry, an Canada's grain farmers rely on barrier-free access to international markets," said GGC President, Gary Stanford. "We

applaud the tireless efforts of Minister applaud the tireless efforts of Minister Freeland and Chief negotiator Steve Verheul in completing the final stages of negotiations, as well as the hard work of the previous government who helped make this historic agreement a reality." Canadian grain growers export 70 per cent of their wheat, 75 per cent of their pulse production and 90 per cent of their pulse production and 90 per cent of their

canola. Top agri-food exports to Europe include canola oil, canola, soybeans and wheat. As such, the removal of tariffs on these and other Canadian agri-food exports will bring clear economic benefits to farmers across Canada by increasing

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current exports and creating new mar-kets for our other high quality grains. "Canadian and European consum-

ers have shared values in their support for high-quality, safe, affordable food," said Jeff Nielsen, GGC Vice President. "Opening up the borders to allow the smooth movement of products between the two markets means that everyone wins.

wins." The Grain Growers of Canada pro-vides a strong national voice for over 50,000 active and successful grain, oil-seed and pulse producers through its 12 provincial and regional grower groups.

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Cereals Canada wel-comes the signing of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement beand Trade Agreement be-tween Canada and the Eu-ropean Union. "This is the most signifi-cant trade agreement since

NAFTA", noted Cam Dahl, President of Cereals Can-President of Cereals Can-ada. "CETA is the most comprehensive agree-ment that Canada has ever signed. This is good news for agriculture, which has been left off of the negoti-ating table in the past". "Ninety per cent of Ca-nadian farmers depend upon world markets when pricing and selling their products. This includes

cereal crop producers from coast to coast. Reduction in trade barriers to one of the world's largest market

the world's largest market is good news." The signing of the agree-ment by Prime Minis-ter Justin Trudeau and President of the Europe-an Council Donald Tusk means that CETA is now final. Signing also opens

tion by the Parliament of Canada and the members of the EU.

"Tariffs are not the only part of the access equa-tion," continued Dahl. "The realization of the full potential of CETA depends science-based sanitary and phyto-sanitary regulations on both sides of the Atlan-tic. This includes the re-view and approval of crop input products and new varieties. Commitments to science-based rules of trade will be as important as tariff reductions.

agreement has taken over seven years. Cereals Canada offers congratulations and appreciation to Can-ada's negotiating team, in particular Steve Verheul, Canada's Chief Negotiator. We also offer our congrat-ulations to Ministers Freeland and MacAulay who have brought the agreeand ment to completion former Ministers Fast and Ritz whose past efforts, which began March of 2009, have made this signing possible," Dahl. concluded









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